

## Watessing.

The large cases consigned to the care of Mr. J. H. Pile, president of the Watessing Free Public Library Association, arrived by express last Friday. The books were taken to the library rooms and were found to be in perfect condition. An accompanying letter explained that the books were a present from the Library Association from Ex-Confederate L. Blake, of Orange. The collection consisted of 175 volumes, made up of the most valuable, popular and interesting books of the present time. It was estimated that to purchase the same number of volumes in the present market would cost less than \$600. The collection comprises history, biography, travel and poetry. Mr. Blake is considered among the earliest friends of the library. His recent magnificent gift shows that he has not forgotten the meeting of the Director's Board which was called for the purpose of securing appropriate recognition of Mr. Blake's generosity.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Watessing Free Public Library, held at the reading room on Wednesday evening, March 14th, 1888, the following resolutions and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Hon. John L. Blake, of Orange, has recently donated one hundred and fifty interesting and valuable books to the library, and it is fitting that the appreciation of his generous gift which the people feel who are interested in the library, should be manifested in a proper manner.

Resolved, That this preamble and resolutions be read upon the minutes, and a copy signed by the President and Secretary be forwarded to Mr. Blake, and that the following be published in the BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN and the East Orange Gazette.

J. H. PILE, Secy.  
The driver of Adam Turk's broad wagon, abandoned his load of books at the corner of Dodd and Prospect streets, Monday.

The Temperance Social Club, of Bloomfield, have sold out their furniture to the Myrtle Club of Bloomfield.

Edward Downer is going to erect a new house on Myrtle street. It will be known as the Myrtle Association.

Dr. G. H. Jones, of Orange, was called to attend patient on Willow street, Sunday night. His last patient died on Monday morning. When he got in his buggy he found he had not proceeded far, and he was fast in a snow drift. He immediately unhooked his horse from the harness, sprang upon its back and rode away from the vehicle in the snow.

The driver of Joseph Boyer, of Bloomfield, was frozen to death on Monday while going on an errand. His horse was very much distressed when he found his boy was brought in. The driver, Joseph Boyer, of Orange, who had been in the snow since John Reiser's house, Bloomfield, Thursday afternoon.

It was unable to reach his station on Sunday night and died on Monday morning. The animal is now suffering from a fever.

The fire that caught the factories out of control and work was suspended until Wednesday.

Amount of snow that accumulated in the Standard Organ Works on Orange street was expected to be the highest on record.

A mountain of snow covered the Mr. Arthur Lenard's dog. His valuable water-spaniel, named "Duke," was rescued Tuesday morning, having fasted since Sunday night.

Prohibitionists assert that the blizzard and the snow would have seriously injured the people had it not been for Tuesday.

The Watessing voters stood by F. S. Jones last Tuesday.

Because the kind prevented President Jones from keeping an appointment with the official board of the Law and Equity Church, Wednesday.

Farview and Silver Lake  
We are glad to say that all of our friends who found themselves on the road last night, which left Bloomfield for New York at 11 A. M., Monday morning, March 12th, safely came again. Mr. Jones returned very near perishing from exposure in 300 feet of his home.

Mr. Chas. G. Fritz lent our popular friend a helping hand and conveyed him home. Mr. Chas. L. Seibert also helped him. The same night when Mr. Jones and Mr. Fred. Baile, of the Life Train, also walked home safely.

The German American Insurance Company, through Horn and Fisher, their agents, have settled with Frank Jones for the loss of his house-hold goods. They paid him the full amount of his claim in cash, waiving the usual delay and discount. This was a most successful business enterprise.

Mr. Charles Ruff has removed from 111 Peter street to Harrison street in Bloomfield.

FINE CIGARS AND TOBACCO.  
Salem at Watessing, N. J.

## Westminster Church.

Rev. George A. Paull preached his first sermon as pastor of Westminster Church last Sunday morning. His text was from I Cor. xv, 29. "What shall they do which are baptized for the dead?"

He said in effect that, while it is not usually profitable to consider a passage of Scripture aside from its context, especially when the meaning is vague and disputed by commentators, still this one represented a truth which he wished to develop.

It was once his sad privilege, as well as duty, to be placed in a peculiar position where the words of this text came to his mind as the only ones in all the Scripture that seemed perfectly to fit the case. Under the same roof there lay, in one room the form of an aged saint whose spirit after long and severe suffering had just sung itself away to Heaven on the strains of "Rock of Ages," in another lay a babe whom the minister was to baptize with the name of her grand mother. What shall they do which are baptized for the dead? he thought. What must this child do as she grows up but walk in the footsteps of her whose name she bears, filling her place in the Church of God?

Christ's Church to day is the same one that he established when on earth, it will always be the same. Individual sinners perish, the type survives; the workers fall out, the work goes on. Moses was taken from the Children of Israel, the Lord filled his place with Joshua. Elijah's mantle fell on Elisha. In the heat of battle it sometimes happens that the standard-bearer falls; but another springs to his place, and the standard still waves over the host. In Christ's Church the same laws prevail that work in nature. The leaves that will clothe the trees this spring will be the same, and yet not the same; as those we saw last year. The wheat that makes golden the slopes of Bethlehem is the same, and yet not the same, as that of which Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz. The bath of pur bodies every Sabbath of years is a familiar illustration of the same law of the preservation of unity amid constant change.

There can be no essential change in God's Church or in Christian truth. The New Theology, the New Christianity, the New Departure,—by what ever name we call it, is dangerous and misleading.

A reference was made to the ministry, as being the only remaining one of the three divinely appointed orders of the Church, (apostles, prophets and teachers); and to the eldership, as being the co-workers and supporters of the ministry.

The new pastor alluded with much feeling to the unusual experience through which the church had recently passed. He said: "This church is in a peculiar position. The only pastors it has had are both in Heaven. Doubtless they often think upon us and are deeply interested in our welfare. The elders of the Church have told me of the feeling of desolation which weighed upon them at the beginning of the year, when after having been so long without a pastor, one who had been your first pastor was taken from your midst." He felt that there must still be a cloud overshadowing the brightness and hopefulness of the occasion, a minor chord mingling with the strains of gladness—for the filling of the vacant place could not but revive afresh grief. But he would not rebuke this spirit, he would not have it otherwise. If he could forget or ignore the tender associations which bound the Church to the past, he would only be creating an impossible gulf between himself and his people. He wished, rather, to share with them these sacred memories as his heritage also. But grief should not be morbidly indulged in. It is a duty to restrain ourselves from so brooding over our affliction that we become unmoved for the work to which God calls us. Let us use the remembrance of the past, as an inspiration for the future, and go forward with energy and cheer to meet the responsibility bequeathed to us. In the words of the text there was a suggestion as to the preparation necessary for discharging these responsibilities faithfully. Although the exact meaning of the text was uncertain, its words gave expression to the feeling which most deeply impressed the new pastor in entering upon his ministrations. The words might be translated "baptized in place of the dead."

In various places in the Scriptures, the word baptized is used not in its ordinary meaning but to signify consecration or dedication, as when Christ asked two of his disciples "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with my baptism?" It was this consecration, this dedication to fill the place left vacant by death, that he desired and prayed for.

In the course of the sermon, Mr. Paull made reference, somewhat in detail, to several phases of Church work, and his hopes and intentions in regard to them.

As the morning sermon indicated what should be the preparation for Church work, that of the evening pointed out the essential conditions of success in that work.

The Mind and its Possibilities.  
Never before has there been such a universal desire to investigate, both in America and in Europe, every phenomenon of mind. The foundation on which theology rests is being freshly examined. No matter how old the opinion, how venerated the ideas of the past, they must all stand re-examination. That which is true, will remain true; that which is false or pernicious will be thrown aside. This era follows naturally the era of the investigation of matter, of the era of materialism. And what has the investigation of matter revealed? The existence of *force*. What else has it revealed? The fact that as we pursue the investigation of material things, we find our discoveries point in the

direction of the *attenuation of force*. The discovery that water can be utilized to move a wheel, was succeeded by the discovery of steam and this by the discovery of electricity. Water gives power to turn the mill-wheel, while water refined into steam, gives greater power. Electricity grows more powerful still. The most invincible is the most powerful. The next step is into mind, the most powerful of all. Refine this mind, purify it of its grossness of belief in material things as much as possible, make plain to it the folly and foolishness of sin, and fill it with the glory of loving God and humanity as its real object in life, and you have a mind approximating to the mind of Christ. That mind has power in every direction, it has power over sin, it has power over disease. Such a mind fulfills the command of the Saviour: "Abide in me," and "I will come to you, and my Father will come to you and we will make our abode with you." What is the "I" to us to day? The truth, the spiritual truth. What is the Father? The Father is love; for God is love. What is the combination? Spiritual truth and love dwell in the mind of such a person. Such a mind has healing power. The truth of such a mind antagonizes and destroys error wherever it finds it; its love antagonizes and destroys hate, its purity destroys impurity, its holiness sin, its harmony inharmonious, and inharmonious is but another name for disease, for an inharmonious mind produces an inharmonious body. Thus mind develops its power for good. As it grows toward its Maker, the source of all good, it approaches power and it grows in power, to overcome and destroy everything that lies in the opposite direction.—E. H. Hammond.

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